

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 19 and 20 in accordance with the following:

1-18 (cancelled)

19. **(currently amended)** A film scanner comprising:

a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;
scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and

light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity, ~~the light compensating means producing light which differs from the light produced by the first light source and which is projected onto the surface of the film from random directions~~ wherein:

condensed light projected from said first light source does not reach said scanning means after being refracted by a scratch area of the film and reaches said scanning means after passing through some portion other than the scratch area of the film, and scattered light projected by said light compensating means reaches said scanning means after being refracted by the scratch area of the film and does not reach said scanning means after passing through some portion other than the scratch area of the film.

20. **(currently amended)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, wherein:

~~said light compensating means are provided in a domain on the opposite side of the film from said scanning means, said first light source is provided around a light axis and in a region where light directly reaches some point of said scanning means, and said light compensating means is provided in a domain from which light projected by said~~ light from said light compensating means does not reach said scanning means after passing through the film when the film is a normal film which is free of scratches and the like.

21. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, wherein:
said light compensating means are a second light source including a plurality of light emitting means having different respective spectral characteristics.

22. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 21, wherein:
emitted light quantity of said second light source can be changed as desired.

23. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, wherein:
said first light source includes a plurality of light emitting means having different respective spectral characteristics.

24. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 23, wherein:
said light emitting means of said first light source are provided so that light emitted thereby has directivity in a plurality of directions intersecting with a light axis from said first light-source to said scanning means.

25. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 24, further comprising:
directivity direction adjusting means, which adjust a direction of directivity of light emitted by said light emitting means of said first light source.

26. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, wherein:
light emitting means provided in said first light source and in said light compensating means are light emitting diodes.

27. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, further comprising:
light condensing means, which condense light incident thereon onto said scanning means through the film;
wherein said first light source is moveable along a light axis between said first light source and said scanning means.

28. **(original)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, wherein:
said first light source and said light compensating means are moveable along a light axis between said first light source and said scanning means.

29-32 (cancelled)

33. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, further comprising:

light condensing means, which condenses incident light onto said scanning means through the film, wherein:

said first light source and said light compensating means are provided on an opposite side of said light condensing means from an objective lens, which is one of said scanning means, and

said first light source is provided so as to be movable along a light axis from said first light source to said scanning means.

34. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 19, further comprising:

a diaphragm member in the light path.

35. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 23, wherein the plurality of light emitting means are provided so as to incline at an angle of θ toward a light axis, so that light projected thereby has directivity toward the light axis.

36. **(previously presented)** A film scanner comprising:

a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;

scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and

light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity;

wherein said light compensating means are provided in a domain on the opposite side of the film from said scanning means from which domain light projected by said light compensating means does not reach said scanning means after passing through irregularity free portions of the film .

37. **(previously presented)** A film scanner comprising:
a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;
scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and
light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity;
wherein said light compensating means are a second light source including a plurality of light emitting means having different respective spectral characteristics.

38. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 37, wherein:
emitted light quantity of said second light source can be changed as desired.

39. **(previously presented)** A film scanner comprising:
a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;
scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and
light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity;
wherein said first light source includes a plurality of light emitting means having different respective spectral characteristics.

40. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 39, wherein:
said light emitting means of said first light source are provided so that light emitted thereby has directivity in a plurality of directions intersecting with a light axis from said first light-source to said scanning means.

41. **(previously presented)** The film scanner set forth in claim 40, further comprising:
directivity direction adjusting means, which adjust a direction of directivity of light emitted by said light emitting means of said first light source.

42. **(previously presented)** A film scanner comprising:
a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;
scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and
light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity;
wherein light emitting means provided in said first light source and in said light compensating means are light emitting diodes.

43. **(previously presented)** A film scanner comprising:
a first light source, which projects light onto film recording an original image;
scanning means, which register an image corresponding to the original image by scanning light transmitted through the film; and
light compensating means, which compensate insufficient light quantity due to disturbance of a light path from said first light source to said scanning means by an irregularity in the surface of the film, which causes an image of the irregularity to be formed in said scanning means, using the disturbance of the light path caused by the irregularity;
wherein said first light source and said light compensating means are moveable along a light axis between said first light source and said scanning means.